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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 2295

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SUBJECT: LPF NOTE VERBALE ON U. S. POWS

REF: VIENTIANE 2240

FOLLOWING IS THE EMBASSY'S UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF THE NOTE
VERBALE FROM THE LAO PATRIOTIC FRONT REFERRED TO IN REFTEL.

QUOTE: THE REPRESENTATION OF THE LAO PATRIOTIC FRONT IN VIENTIANE
HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA IN VIENTIANE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1) AT THE TIME OF THE LAST MEETING BETWEEN MR. ILTH PHANRASY,
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LAO PATRIOTIC FRONT IN VIENTIANE, AND
THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES IN VIENTIANE, THE
REPRESENTA-
TIVE OF THE U. S. SIDE ASKED THE LAO PATRIOTIC FRONT TO
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FREE ALL AMERICAN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL CAPTURED IN LAOS DURING THE WAR.

2) IT IS VERY REGRETTABLE THAT, DURING THE RECENT PAST, THE U. S. AND ITS ALLIES HAVE NOT STOPPED SENDING AIRPLANES, INCLUDING THOSE LAUNCHED FROM AMERICAN BASES IN THAILAND, TO CARRY OUT BOMBING, SHELLING AND RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS AGAINST THE LIBERATED ZONES, CONTROLLED BY THE LAO PATRIOTIC FORCES; MEANWHILE THE U. S. HAS URGED THE TROOPS OF THE VIENTIANE SIDE TO CONTINUE ITS MILITARY NIBBLING OPERATIONS FOR BLOOD PURCHASES OR BLOOD RESEARCH. HE SAID D. C. CONGRESSMAN WALTER FAUNTROY WAS INTERESTED IN POSSIBILITIES FOR SICKLE CELL ANEMIA RESEARCH.

4. EMBASSY WILL AGAIN RAISE QUESTION WITH GOH AT APPROPRIATE HIGH LEVEL.

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